

Canto Eighth

Text collated with:

Bod [adds. e. 10]

1817

1818

1829 (only select variants from this edition are recorded)

1834

1839

1840

Departures from Jones's transcription are noted by designating his reading with "BSM/XVII."

Ampersands in the draft MS have not been collated as variants from *and* except where they form part of a larger phrase containing other, substantive variants in punctuation, orthography, or diction

Our omission of the printer's double quotation marks and our alternative interpolation of single quotation marks into the text of **1817** to signify Cythna's speech within her speech, or that of the other characters she quotes in this canto, is not recorded below. We also do not collate any of these variants from the other editions listed among the primary collations. For an itemized list of these emendations entered into the text of this Canto, see the **Textual Note** appended to the Overview at the head of the Commentary for Canto VIII.

- 1 *line preceded by* ~~I took my seat beside the steersman then and And bade the sailors | sailors spread the sails~~ Bod
and] and, 1834 1839 1840
gazing] *preceded by* ~~said~~ Bod
- 2 west] ~~west above seas~~
- 3 sinking] setting Bod
watch-tower] watch tower 1840
- 4 *entire line preceded by* ~~Even yet the lighthouse will and the breeze winds are fleet~~ Bod
- 6 stream] *above* ~~breeze~~ Bod
- 7 stars,] stars; 1834 1839 1840
tremble] win of *twinkle overwritten by* re Bod
- 8 *entire line revised from* ~~We must not rest this night upon the sea~~ Bod
sea!—] sea;— 1834 1839 1840
- 9 *entire line revised from* [~~There~~] Why linger ye those who seek a [?glorious] destiny Bod
(*ye uncompleted form of yet?*)

- 10 *entire line written below* ~~The captain~~ Bod
- 11 and] and, 1834 1839 1840
- 13 wicked ghosts] *above* ~~water spirites~~ Bod
~~water spirits~~ BSM/XVII
- 15 dream,] dream 1834
that!'—The] that!' The 1834 1839 1840
- 19 islets, borne by wind and stream,]
isles, & ~~flew~~ with wind & stream sailed *above* ~~flew~~ *in canceled partial stanza* Bod
- 20 sailed,] sailed 1834
near] near, 1834
- 21 listen;—in] listen; in 1834
- 22 pale] *above* ~~descending~~ Bod
- 23 calm] [?wild] Bod
rear;] fear *above* ~~blotted~~ rear Bod
rear: 1829 1840
- 24 Ye all are] Ye are all 1839 1840
Ye] We Bod
broad moon gives] [?] stars give Bod
- 25 wear,] wear. 1834 1839 1840
- 26 speak—beneath] speak, beneath 1834
- 28 Your own hands] That your hands Bod
an] a Bod 1829 1834 1839 1840
- 30 For some,] Where now Bod
fond eyes are pining] *above* ~~some fond eyes pine~~ Bod
- 31 his] your Bod
- 32 rush from the] will [greet] beside *above* ~~play near~~ the Bod [greet]] [?meet] BSM/XVII
- 33 *final version of line written vertically on inside margin* Bod

- toil] work? ~~work~~ Bod work *BSM/XVII*
- 34 some] ~~an above some~~ Bod an *BSM/XVII*
- 35 Such purposes] Such ~~strong~~ purposes Bod
a] *omitted 1834*
- 36 that God] some Power *1818 1834 1839 1840*
- 37 then is God?] is that Power? *1818 1834 1839 1840*
And what is God? Bod
ye] *Ye 1834 1839 1840*
- 40 shew] show *1839 1840*
- 41 thoughts] thoughts, *1834 1839 1840*
- 42 Lo! Plague is free] ~~to Pestilence and behold the Plague among canceled passages; published version cleanly drafted on facing page~~ Bod
- 46 then] *omitted 1818 1834 1839 1840*
God?] that Power? *1818 1834 1839 1840*
““What then is God]
~~What then is God and And what is God? and two more canceled lines above line~~ Bod
Stood] *above sate* Bod
- 47 Watching] *preceded by Dreaming* Bod
- 48 and in such mood] and in that mood *below in-visioned* Bod
- 49 Form he saw] power he feared Bod
worshipped] *worshipped 1834*
- 50 shewn;] *shown; 1839 1840*
- 52 *entire line revised from* The fruit of ~~kill~~ing poison grows thereon mortal *below killing Bod*
- 53 God has appointed] that Power has chosen *1818 1834 1839 1840*
- 54 his will,] his will **1817**
it's laws, *1818*
its laws, *1829 1834 1839 1840*
- 55 *entire line preceded by two canceled lines: And ye are told that God will punish wrongs.. and He will add pain*

~~to pain-crime above second pain~~ Bod
they have seen God, and heard from God,] that they themselves have heard and seen, 1818 1834 1839 1840

56 known] ~~above known heard~~ Bod

57 is all our law,] ~~good appears twice~~ Bod
And that his will is all our law, a rod]
A Shade, a Form, which Earth and Heaven between 1818 1834 1839 1840

58 us] ~~above all-men and mankind~~ Bod
To scourge us into slaves—that] Wields an invisible rod—that 1818 1834 1839 1840
that Priests and Kings,] ~~tis the [?misfortune][?our]~~ Bod ~~tis the [?] [?]~~ BSM/XVII

63 Tho'] Thro' 1834
Though 1839 1840
arm] ~~possibly written over ame of tame~~ Bod

64 ““And it is said,] And ye are told Bod
that God] this Power 1818 1834 1839 1840

65 Yes, add despair] He will add woe Bod

66 his red hell's undying] deepest hell, and deathless 1818 1834 1839 1840
among] among, 1818 1834 1839 1840

67 bind] plunge Bod
he] is 1818 1834 1839 1840

68 like] as Bod

69 lived; —for,] lived-& Bod
lived; —for 1818 1834 1839 1840

70 *line preceded by canceled passage including* ~~With words whose forms thy [will], make blind~~ Bod
~~With [words] [?] [?] [?] [?], make [?blind]~~ BSM/XVII

they say,] ~~men say above they say,~~ Bod
say,] say 1818 1834 1839 1840

71 *this line below* ~~The will of strength is law~~ just above law Bod

72 Tyrants,] ~~The Imposter~~ Bod
Tyrants 1817
rule,] rule 1834

- lies] lies, 1834
- 73 opinion] Opinion 1834 1839 1840
- 74 dim] ~~below thick~~ Bod
now fading on] that fades beneath Bod
- 75 tho'] though 1839 1840
- 77 tho'] though 1839 1840
shadow,] shadow 1818 1834 1839 1840
- 79 barren waves of ocean] inhospitable ~~waves~~ sea above ~~waves~~ Bod
ocean,] ocean; 1834 1839 1840
- 80 tyrant;] tyrant, 1817
- 81 Command,] Command 1834
fear,] fear 1834
wreak,] wreak 1834
or suffer woe.] below [~~?and overthrow~~] Bod
- 82 *entire line revised from* For God is a ~~name~~ which maketh holy Bod
sign] above ~~name~~ Bod
- 83 the dream, the shade] the shade, the dream Bod 1817 1818 *corrected in errata*
the dream, the shade, 1834 1839 1840
- 84 power,—lust,] power—lust, 1818 1829 1834 1839 1840
lust, falsehood, hate, and pride, and folly;] above and below ~~the child of falshood and gray folly~~ Bod
- 85 fraud and wrong] fraud above wrong & ~~foree~~ Bod
- 86 *line written below canceled false starts including* A law in this dark world Bod
- 87 love,] love 1834
well known]
well- above unknown *alters previous canceled line, And human love or justice, names un-known* Bod
- 88 dear mother,]
multiple revisions and cancellations above dear parent include dear mother below departed friend Bod
- 89 and] and, 1834 1839 1840
thrown,] flown, Bod

- 91 “O love!] O ~~human~~ Love, Bod
love!] Love! 1818
who] which Bod
wandering] *above* ~~erring~~ Bod
- 92 Ocean’s weary] Oceans weary *above* ~~unreposing~~ Bod
waves!] waves, 1834
- 93 or joy!] and joy! **1817** 1818 *corrected in errata*
those] these **1817**
thou 1818 1834 1839 1840 1818 *corrected in errata*
- 94 labyrinth] *above* ~~dungeons~~ Bod
- 95 one clear star the seaman] *below* ~~the~~ [~~?dry~~] ~~shore~~ ~~the~~ ~~shipwrecked~~ Bod
saves,—] saves. **1817** 1818 1834 1839 1840
- 96 good,] *above* ~~pleasure~~ Bod
- 97 freedom] freedom, 1839 1840
tho' thro'] though through 1839 1840
- 99 crime,] crime **1817**
tho'] though 1839 1840
friend’s] hearts Bod
- 102 And] And, 1834 1839 1840
inmost] *above* [~~?blosmy~~] Bod [~~?bloomy~~] BSM/XVII
thought,] thought Bod
- 103 *line reads* Until lifes ~~se~~ others day light are [~~?blown~~] Bod
- 104 *line preceded by* ~~And to these melodies of sense & thought with daylight and~~ ~~Which with~~ *below* Bod
To sit and] ~~To sit, and~~ Bod
with Joy,] at flowers, Bod
or, not alone,] or not alone Bod
- 105 salt] slow Bod
worn] [~~?warm~~] BSM/XVII
Woe;] [~~?love~~] BSM/XVII
- 106 one,—] one.— 1834

- 108 Earth,] Earth *1834*
 destiny] glorious joy Bod
- 110 another,] the other. Bod
- 111 For it] ~~above~~ ~~Because~~ Bod
 For it is said God] And as one Power *1818 1834 1839 1840*
- 112 And] So *1818 1834 1839 1840*
 captive] ~~above~~ ~~bond-slave~~ Bod
- 113 his] her *1818 1834 1839 1840* her ~~above~~ ~~his~~ Bod
 mother,] mother *1834*
- 116 darkened—] poisoned. Bod
- 117 man,] man **1817** *1834*
 slave;] slave, *1834*
- 123 his chiefs delight in ruin] ~~above~~ ~~the pride & sport of kings~~ Bod
- 125 he is pursuing] ~~below~~ ~~of his undoing~~ Bod [?] ~~his undoing~~ *BSM/XVII*
 pursuing] pursuing, *1834*
- 126 O,] O *1834*
 obscure] *not in* Bod
- 127 slave,] slave; *1834*
- 128 the child of scorn,] a child of scorn ~~below~~ ~~Friends whence are ye~~ Bod
- 129 The] ~~above~~ ~~An~~ Bod
 home,] home. *1834 1839 1840*
- 132 As] ~~below~~ ~~Even as~~ ~~and,~~ ~~above it,~~ ~~Like~~ Bod
- 133 born,] born *1829 1834 1839 1840*
- 135 oppressors] oppressor Bod
- 136 need] ~~above~~ ~~might~~ Bod
- 137 its] ~~above~~ ~~their~~ Bod

- 138 *entire line below* ~~That the dark faith whose~~ Bod
- 139 world,] world *1834*
- 141 moon!—] moon:— *1834*
- 143 vapour] mist Bod
Man] *below* ~~truth~~ Bod
- 144 whose] *above* ~~his~~ Bod ~~his~~ will Bod ~~his~~ ~~will~~ *BSM/XVII*
gone.] flown Bod
- 145 equal!—from] equal!—From *1834 1839 1840*
- 146 feel] *above* ~~hear~~ Bod
thro'] through *1839 1840*
- 148 alas,] Alas, *1834 1839 1840*
- 150 legends] *below* ~~books which~~ Bod
old] *below* ~~told~~ Bod
- 151 immortal] eternal Bod
- 153 discord of your hearts,] miseries ye have known Bod
hearts,] hearts *1834 1839 1840*
- 154 pouring] *above* ~~shedding~~ Bod
- 155 Forth on] Upon Bod
steel and gold,] gold ~~& Scythian~~ steel Bod
- 158 unfold!] Unfold! *1834*
- 160 Stained] Stain'd *1840*
have] *above* ~~are~~ Bod
- 161 thus!] thus? *1834 1839 1840*
- 165 for] or *of* for *overwrites* ro *of* from Bod
from *BSM/XVII*
- 166 inevitable] unwilling Bod
the doom] it is the doom Bod

- 167 Is this, which has,] Which has been, or may Bod
must] must, 1834 1839 1840
- 168 humankind's.] human kind's. 1834
- 169 *line reads* Gathered by time to glut the famished tomb Bod
- 171 twine] *above deck* Bod
rings] *above snares* Bod
- 174 mind] hearts Bod
- 176 mirrors] mirror *BSM/XVII*
- 177 who] who, 1834
- 178 scorn's] a Bod
- 179 Enduring there] ~~Enduring there~~ Bod
- 181 ““Yes,] For Bod
Hate, that shapeless] Hate or Scorn that Bod
- 182 evil,] *evil below* [-?] *and, above that, sacred* Bod
- 183 self-contempt] self reproach Bod
- 184 its] it's **1817 1818**
its Bod 1829 1834 1839 1840
intwine] entwine 1839 1840
- 186 bitter prey,] bitterness, Bod
- 187 ninefold] tenfold Bod
- 188 fair] ~~bright above fair~~ Bod
- 189 Soon o'er the putrid mass he] Clapsed round its bloodless ~~spoil~~, it *prey below spoil* Bod
- 190 *entire line preceded by* Scorn not [~~not~~] ~~thine own nor hate thy~~ Bod
soul,] heart; Bod
- 191 another's] anothers *above thy* [-?] ~~brothers~~ Bod

- nor loathe thine own.] nor loathe thine own *below* ~~but love~~ Bod
- 195 be at rest.—] be at peace rest ... *below* ~~Love demands~~ Bod
peace BSM/XVII
- 196 thine] *below* ~~our~~ Bod
- 197 can] *above* ~~may~~ Bod
- 198 might] may Bod
- 199 ““Speak] “Speak, 1834
- 201 sail;—thou] sail.—Thou 1834
thou readest well the misery] well hast thou read the misery Bod
- 202 Told in these faded eyes,] Traced on our countenance Bod
countenaces BSM/XVII
- 204 dare not] cannot Bod
write] *preceded by* ~~learn~~ to Bod
dishonoured] withered Bod
- 208 ““Yes—I must speak—] ~~As I hear thy [?] words;~~ *canceled in abandoned half stanza in* Bod
my secret should have] *canceled in abandoned half stanza in* Bod
should] would 1834 1839 1840
- 210 flame] *bold e of flame overwrites es of flames* Bod [flames] BSM/XVIII
- 211 bosom] *below* ~~heart~~ Bod
- 212 Thee,] Thou Bod
mild] wild 1834
- 215 dividing] *below* ~~boundless~~ *and, above it,* dissevering Bod
dissevering] [?] BSM/XVII
- 216 unregarded] un *below* dis *of* disregarded Bod
calm and happy] calm & happy *below* ~~honorable~~ Bod
- 217 ““We drag afar from] *after numerous false starts, including* ~~We come from and We bear from~~ Bod
fairest,] fairest 1834 1839 1840
- 218 mountains lone,] *below* ~~lonely~~ ~~dales.~~ Bod [—?—]dales. BSM/XVII

- lone,] lone; *1834*
- 219 drag] [bear] Bod
- 220 stained and trampled] scorned & trampled *above* ~~turned to uses vile~~; Bod
- 222 dear] fair Bod
- 225 *entire line preceded by* ~~Which like the image of a flower in the and Which upon the stars~~ Bod
up] forth Bod
- 226 must] *preceded by* ~~will~~ Bod
- 227 Alas, alas!'] Alas alas *above* ~~The doom is fixed~~ Bod
- 228 cowering—] down, Bod
sobs] *preceded by* ~~loud~~ Bod
- 230 'till the stars 'gan to fail,] beneath the starlight pale Bod
'till] till *1829 1839 1840*
fail,] fail. *1840*
- 231 And] All *1834 1839 1840*
- 232 gazed,] gazed *above* ~~stood~~, Bod
Pilot,] Pilot *1834*
- 233 locks,] looks, **1817** *1818 1834 corrected in errata*
- 234 Met mine in restless awe—] In awe was fixed on mine— Bod
- 235 “Recede not! pause not now!] ~~Ye~~ must not pause I cried.— We *above* ~~Ye~~ Bod
- 238 the] their Bod [?there] *BSM/XVII*
- 239 soul?] ~~hearts~~ Bod
for your own,] for own, **1817** *1818 corrected in errata*
- 240 others'] other's Bod **1817** *1818 1834 1839 1840*
- 241 A heart] soul *below multiple cancellations of* A heart Bod
- 242 violate?—be] violate?—Be *1834 1839 1840*
here,] here *1834*

- 243 firm] true Bod
they] They 1834 1839 1840
- 244 with] *d possibly intended for doth overwrites wi of* with Bod [doth] BSM/XVII
- 245 the] ^{at} *superscripted over e turns the into* that Bod
- 246 thousand echoes] sudden echo Bod
- 247 *entire line preceded by* ~~Into the air—Liberty, Liberty and~~ Upon the winds [For] ~~the souls like them~~ Bod
- 248 with] in Bod
- 249 Bolts were undrawn,] bolts were undrawn *below* ~~bonds were untied~~ Bod
- 250 deck,] deck 1834
eye] eyes Bod
- 252 inconstant] flickering Bod
- 254 the shrines of unawakened thought,] *below of* ~~evanescence~~, Bod
~~evanescence~~ BSM/XVII
- 255 brows as bright] lips & brows Bod
as bright as spring or morning, ere] ~~unstained—ere yet Pollution~~ there Bod
- 256 *entire line above* ~~The records of impure endurance wrought~~ Bod
- 257 of cloud which wither not.—] which may be not.— Bod not— BSM/XVII
- 260 breathless] *above* ~~cloudless~~ Bod
- 261 Sweet talk,] ~~Sweet talk above Whispers~~ Bod [—?] [talk] BSM/XVII
- 262 mute,] mute; 1834
- 263 hue] hue, 1834
blown,] blown 1834
- 266 Shewed] Showed 1839 1840